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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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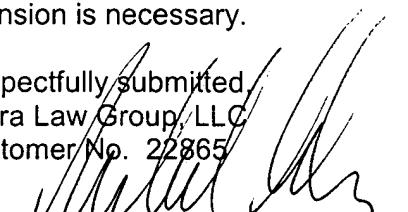
Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated 29 October 2004. This is a request for a ONE (1) month extension of time from 29 January 2005 to 28 February 2005, which makes the response deadline fall on 1 March 2005. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00, the required fee for this extension of time.

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 if such additional extension is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
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